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13.	Grant under ART 275 (1) of the Constitution.
14.	Grants-in-aid to State Tribal Cooperative Corporations for Minor Forest Produce Operations
15.	Research & Training.
(III)	*Schemes for the welfare of Minorities.*
1.	Pre-examination coaching for weaker sections based on economic criteria.
2.	National Minorities Development & Finance corporation.
3.	Preparation of Multi-sectoral development plans in Minority-Concentration Districts.
4.	Area intensive programme for educationally backward minorities.
5.	Modernisation of Madarsa & Makhtab.
6.	Scheme of community polytechnics.
7.	Grant to Central Wakf Council and Maulana Azad Education Foundation for implementing their scheme of Development of urban Wakf properties and schemes for educational development of persons belonging to Minorities in particular and others in general, respectively.

Monitoring of centrally-sponsored schemes

730. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Centrally-sponsored welfare schemes operating in various States, particularly in Assam;

(b) the amount allocated to each State during 1998-99;

(c) whether Government have any monitoring cell; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and achievements made in this regard in each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) A list of Centrally-sponsored schemes of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment under implementation in various States, including the State of Assam is attached as statement. (*See* below)

(b) Under most of the schemes, funds are released to State Governments/U.Ts., based on the proposals received from them, and no advance allocation of funds is made State-wise.

(c) and (d) Planning, Research, Evaluation and Monitoring Division of the Ministry takes up research and evaluation studies. The respective programme Division of the Ministry exercises scrutiny of the proposals received from the State Governments/UTs. with a view to ensuring that moneys released to them in the preceding years are being utilised and the implementation of the schemes/programmes are proceeding satisfactorily. State level review meetings are organised to monitor the progress of utilisation of funds provided under various schemes and to resolve any outstanding issue. Monitoring of the schemes is also done at the stage of formulation of Five Year Plan and Annual Plan proposals.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Schemes
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(I)	**Welfare of Scheduled Castes**
1.	Upgradation of merit of SC/ST students
2.	Hostel for SC girls & boys.
3.	Coaching & allied scheme for SCs/STs.
4.	Book Bank for SC & ST students.
5.	Share-capital assistance to state SCDCs.
6.	Post metric scholarship to SC & St students

7. Pre-matric scholarship to the children of those engaged in unclean occupations.
8. Implementation of PCR Act-1955 and the SCs & STs (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

(II) Welfare of Backward classes.

1. Pre-matric scholarship for OBCs
2. Hostels for OBC Boys & Girls.

(III) Welfare of Schedule Tribes.

1. Girls Hostels for STs
2. Boys Hostels for STs
3. Ashram schools in Tribal sub Plan.
4. Research & Training for STs.

(IV) Welfare of Social Defence.

1. Prevention & control of Juvenile Social Maladjustment.

(V) Welfare of Disabled

1. Employment of the Handicapped.

वक्फ बोर्ड की संपत्तियों को पट्टे पर देना

731. **श्री खान गुफराम जाहिदी:** क्या सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान विभिन्न राज्यों में वक्फ बोर्डों की संपत्तियों को निम्न दर पर व्यक्तियों को पट्टे पर दिये जाने की ओर दिलाया गया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो संबंध में राज्य-वार ब्यौरा क्या है और सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की गई है?

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्रालय की राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती मेनका गांधी): (क) और (ख) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

National Policy for older persons

732. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be refer to answer to unstarred Question 90 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th November, 1998 and state:

(a) whether a national policy for older persons has since been finalised, together with specific programmes if any, to provide relief to senior citizens;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if answer to part (a) above be in the negative, by when a final decision is expected thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) A National policy for older Persons has already been announced which seeks to promote the well being of older persons by attending to their financial security, health care, shelter, welfare and other development needs and subject to availability of resources specific programme interventions shall be formulated and implemented by the Government.

इस्पात उद्योग का वित्तीय कार्य-निष्पादन

733. **लाला लाजपत राय:** क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) अब तक भारतीय इस्पात उद्योग की वस्तविक रूप से वित्तीय निष्पादन और उत्पादन स्थिति क्या रही;

(ख) देश में सरकारी और निजी क्षेत्र के इस्पात संयंत्रों ने इस्पात उद्योग को किस हद तक सुदृढ़ बनाया है;

(ग) प्रतिवर्ष भारतीय इस्पात उद्योग से कुल कितना राजस्व अर्जित होता है; और

(घ) देश में इस्पात की मांग और उत्पादन के बीच के अन्तर को किस हद तक कम किया जा रहा है?

इस्पात तथा खान मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रमेश बैस): (क) और (ख) वर्ष 1997-98 के दौरान भारत के प्रमुख इस्पात उत्पादको का वास्तविक वित्तीय निष्पादन नीचे दिया गया है:—

(करोड़ रुपए)

कम्पनी का नाम	लाभ (+) हानि (-)